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WHY LACE IS COSTLY.—The manufacture of lace is considered to its highest perfection in Belgium. The finest specimens of Brussels lace is so complicated as to require the labor of seven persons on one piece, and each operative is employed at distinct features of the work. The thread used is of exquisite fineness, which is spun in dark underground rooms, where it is sufficiently moist to prevent the thread from separating. It is so delicate as scarcely to be seen, and the room is so arranged that all the light admitted shall fall upon the work. It is such material that renders the genuine Brussels ground so costly. On a piece of Valenciennes ground two inches wide, from two to three hundred bobbins are sometimes used, and for the larger width as many as eight hundred on the same pillow. The most valuable Valenciennes is determined by the number of times the bobbins have been twisted in making the ground; the more frequent the twists the clearer and more beautiful will be the lace. Belgium annually sells of this lace alone to the value of over four million dollars. Chantilly lace is always black, and is used chiefly for veils and flouncings. It is very fine, and is extensively worn. Mechlin lace is made at Mechlin, Antwerp, and other localities.

ORCHARDS AND POULTRY.—An experienced orchardist says:—The public has yet to learn the full advantages of keeping poultry. Few seem to appreciate what they may do among trees in an orchard of quarter of an acre, where they may be kept by a picket fence four feet high. Putting in say 124 fowls, and observe the result. He will avoid the annoyance of the garden, of which so many complain, while they work among the trees, doing just what is needed; keeping the ground well cultivated, and destroying everything that can injure the fruit trees, in the shape of bugs, worms, or other insects, lay a large number of eggs, which are a cash article, to say nothing of the chickens, which will pay for raising at the present time. I have tried it, and know it is so. I have about 100 fowls, which have worked admirably among my trees, keeping the ground in good condition, keeping off the insects, and promoting the growth of the orchard. I am satisfied that we have yet to learn the full benefit which may be derived from the proper management of fowls, and it is quite possible that the method I have suggested may offer the best way of getting your apple orchards into bearing condition.

THE FORBEARANCE OF newspaper editors is constantly tested now-a-days by enterprising publishers at a distance, who, entering upon the uncertain sea of literature, forthwith send right and left their announcements or a few numbers of their handlings, in order that they may thus cheaply be advertised by the press. We have before us the prospectus of "a monthly periodical for the home circle," with the following note:—
"Editors who will give the above prospectus an insertion in their columns, and call attention to it, editorially, and send a marked copy of paper, will be entitled to an exchange."
When it is stated that the price of the periodical is only two dollars a year, and that, even according to our low rates of advertising, the prospectus would occupy space worth from six to seven dollars, the modesty of the above request will be appreciated. This, however, is only one of many like demands on our time and patience, nearly all of which, it is scarcely necessary to add, come from New York.—*Georgetown Courier*

QUEER.—Coleridge tells of a man who never heard his name spoken by others, and call attention to it, editorially, and send a marked copy of paper, will be entitled to an exchange."
This, though very absurd, is nevertheless amusing. Such a man could never be the object of an unkind feeling. So far from quarreling with the subject of an hallucination so agreeable, the gravest looker-on may indulge his curiosity in watching the illusions which appear so grand to him who suffers them, and so grotesque to all the world besides. It is a curious fact that the more conceit a man has, beyond a certain point, the more endurable he is to others. A little vanity provokes you; a little more incenses you; amazes you—but after that every addition is positively agreeable. To this source we are constrained to ascribe the pleasure with which we listen to the speeches of many of our public men—not accepting some of our popular preachers.—*J. A. Alexander.*

SAVE SOMETHING.—Save something, no matter how little it may be, always save something. Never turn away your head from small savings; they are the foundation of great ones. A penny is not much. Many a man would rather throw away a penny than pick it up, if it lay before him. Yet a penny a day is nearly four dollars a year, four dollars is the interest of nearly one hundred dollars capital. "Waste not, want not," is an old saying; and he who is extravagant enough to cast idly away what can be made useful, though it be but a trifle, may expect to see the day when even that trifle would be acceptable.

PEAR TREES.—Pear trees growing in grass are seldom productive. The best way of treating them is to dig away the grass and weeds from a wide space over the roots in the fall, taking care not to damage the roots in so doing, and to cover the yard with old barnyard manure. This should be left undisturbed until spring, and then worked into the soil with a digging fork.

WASHING FLUID.—The following has been tested for more than five years with perfect satisfaction: Dissolve 14 pounds of washing soda and 4 pound of borax in a gallon of water, by boiling. When the solution is cold, add about half a teaspoonful of aqua ammonia (spirits of hartshorn), and put it up in well-corked bottles. Use a cupful to each pailful of water in washing.

A Milwaukee widow, on being cautioned by her minister about flirting, said she knew that it was wrong for unmarried ladies to flirt, but the Bible was her authority. It said "widow's mite." She was flirting awfully at last accounts, her minister acknowledging that "widow's mite."

WE OFFER GREAT INDUCEMENTS and invite attention to our stock of Cloths, Cassimeres, Cassinets, Kerseys, Kentucky Jeans, Flannels, Shawls, Balmoral Skirts, Dress Goods, Hosiery, Table Linens, Irish Linens, White Goods, Quilts, Black Alpaca, &c., &c. Jan 23 R. L. WOOD.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

SIMMONS' LIVER
The symptoms of Liver Complaint are uneasiness and pain in the side. Sometimes the pain is in the shoulder, and is mistaken for rheumatism. The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness, bowels in general constive, sometimes alternating with laxity. The head is troubled with pain, and dull, heavy sensation, considerable loss of memory, accompanied with painful sensation of having left undone something which ought to have been done. Often complaining of weakness, debility and low spirits. Sometimes many of the above symptoms attend the disease, and at other times very few of them; but the liver is generally the organ most involved. Cure the Liver with

DR. SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR.
A preparation of roots and herbs, warranted to be strictly vegetable, and can do no injury to any one. It has been used by hundreds, and known for the last 40 years as one of the most reliable, efficacious and harmless preparations ever offered to the suffering. If taken regularly and persistently, it is sure to cure

Dyspepsia, headache, jaundice, costiveness, sick headache, chronic diarrhoea, affections of the bladder, camp dysentery, affections of the kidneys, fever, nervousness, chills, diseases of the skin, impurity of the blood, melancholy, or depression of spirits, heartburn, colic, anacholy, or depression of the bowels, pain in the head, fever and ague, dropsy, boils, pain in the back, &c. Prepared only by J. H. ZELLIN & CO., Druggists, Macon, Georgia.

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STATIONARY AND PORTABLE DROP LIGHTS IN VARIETY;
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Steam Work for Factories, Mills, &c., promptly and faithfully executed; all at prices which will give satisfaction.

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Building Material, Mill Work and Castings of every description made at short notice.

Cash paid for old Iron and Brass.

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Repairing done with dispatch, and at prices that were charged previous to the war.

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The oldest and best established Plumbing establishment in the city. All work done with dispatch, and in the most durable and workmanlike manner. Satisfaction guaranteed.

JOBING done at short notice, and by himself, or the most experienced workmen.

ALEX. & FREDERICKSBURG R. R. CO.
Persons wishing to furnish CROSS-TIES to this company, along the line of their road, are invited to send propositions to PAUL J. WHITE, Chief Engineer, at Alexandria, Va., station, at what price, and at what price and points they will furnish the same in accordance with the following

SPECIFICATIONS.
The timber must be of sound growth, either white oak, rock oak or chestnut, the ties to be properly straight on two opposite sides, the ends cut off square and the bark removed. The ties to be not less than six (6) inches thick, three-fourths of the number having not less than seven (7) inches face, one-fourth not less than eight (8) inches face, all to be eight (8) feet long.

Ties must be delivered on or before June 1st, 1871, on the line of the road where the road bed is in excavation, or where the road bed is not more than three (3) feet fill at such distance from center line thereof not exceeding forty (40) feet. The Engineer in charge will direct and piled in cribs of about fifty each in such manner as to admit of inspection. Ties delivered as aforesaid, inspected under the direction of the Chief Engineer of the Company, and accepted, will be paid for as follows: On or about the first of each month an inspection will be made of ties delivered since last return, and for those accepted there will be an estimate returned and eighty-five (85) per cent of amount due on same, paid in cash, on or about the 20th day of the month. Upon completion of the contract there will be a final estimate, and the balance, including the fifteen (15) per cent reserved, will be paid in full.

PAUL J. WHITE,
Chief Engineer.

NEW EXPRESS LINE
—BETWEEN—
ALEXANDRIA, GEORGETOWN AND WASHINGTON.
Stages leave regularly from Georgetown, foot of Congress street, EVERY WEDNESDAY; from Alexandria, foot of King street, EVERY THURSDAY.

Freight received daily at lowest rates. This line connects with all the Northern, Eastern and Western Railroads and Transportation Companies, and will forward freight by all the lines running out of Philadelphia, free of commission, and gives THROUGH RATES.

A. G. ELDREDGE & CO.,
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JOHN A. FIELD,
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Manufacturer and Dealer in

CIGARS, TOBACCO, SNUFF, PIPES, &c., &c., &c.
NO. 71 KING STREET.

Give me a call.

NOTICE.
The firm of JAMESON & SMITH was dissolved by mutual consent, on the 1st day of December, 1870. Robert Jamieson will sign in settlement.

The business will be continued at the same place by ROBERT JAMESON and A. M. CLARKE, who have this day formed a copartnership under the name and style of JAMESON & CLARKE.

ROBERT JAMESON.
A. M. CLARKE.
Alexandria, Va., January 2, 1871—1m

NOTICE.—The interest of Mr. ZEPH ENGLISH and Mr. JOSEPH PAUL in our firm ceased this day. GREGORY & CO. Alexandria, Va., December 31, 1870.

NOTICE.—Mr. COURTLAND H. SMITH has an interest in our firm from this date. GREGORY & CO. Alexandria, Jan. 2, 1871.

LIVERPOOL SALT.
1000 sacks LIVERPOOL G. A. SALT in bright order, in store and for sale by

WANTED.—A PARTNER or BACKER, with a cash capital of from \$5,000 to \$10,000, to take an interest in a live stock commission business already successfully established. An active business man or merchant preferred. Address P. O. box 167, Alexandria, Va. Jan 18-1m

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COMMISSION-MERCHANTS.

RICHARDS PAYNE, JR.
W. Y. MOSS,
Warrington, Va.
Loudoun, Va.
DAYNE & MOSS,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 34 King street,
Alexandria, Va.
Jan 19-3m

S. HINN & CO.,
(Successors to Samuel Hartley.)
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 13 Union street,
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Particular attention paid to the selling of FLOUR, GRAIN and all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, and filling all orders for GROCERIES, GUANO, PLASTER, SEEDS, &c., &c., at the lowest market rates.

Agents for the sale of James S. Welch's celebrated brands of FAMILY FLOUR.

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GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
Wholesale Dealers in

GROCERIES, LIQUORS, PROVISIONS, SALT FISH, and PRODUCE.

Also keep on hand a general assortment of Corlidge, Tar, Pitch, Nails, Lime, Packing, Oils, Lard and Ship and Naval Stores.

All orders and consignments promptly attended to, and goods forwarded without delay to consignees on arrival.

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(Successors to W. F. Henderson.)
GROCERY, LIQUOR & GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

Dealers in GROCERIES, TEAS, COFFEES, SUGARS, WHISKY, BRANDY, WINES, SCOTCH ALE, PORTER, &c.

Also, Eastern and Potomac SHAD, BERRING and MACKEREL.

Choice brands of SEGARS and TOBACCO always on hand.

Strict attention paid to the sale of COUNTRY PRODUCE.

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AND AGENT FOR
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RAW BONE PHOSPHATE.

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WASHINGTON & HERBERT,
(Successors to Alex. Washington.)
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
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Particular attention given to the sale of all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, and filling orders for GROCERIES, GUANO, SERRING PLASTER, FISH, SALT, LIME, &c., at the lowest market price.

J. P. LARKIN,
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COMMISSION MERCHANT.
Respectfully solicits consignments, believing he can average 10 per cent more for consignors than he did in Alexandria.

HOOE WEDDERBURN & CO.,
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COMMISSION, SHIPPING & FORWARDING MERCHANTS,
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Also, dealers in GUANOS, SALT, LUMP and GROUND PLASTER, FISH, GRAIN and SUGARS.

BO. H. ROBINSON & SON,
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Particular attention paid to the selling of all kinds of Country Produce. Goods forwarded promptly.

DAVY & HARMON,
GROCERS, FEED & COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
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Special attention given to the sale of Country produce.

LUTHER D. HARRISON,
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No. 18 North Royal street,
Respectfully solicits consignments. Sales attended to with promptness and dispatch.

CLEAR & HARMLESS AS WATER.
NATTAN'S CRYSTAL DISCOVERY
The following letters speak for themselves:

Washington, Nov. 4, 1870.
Mr. Arthur Nattans: Dear Sir—After a very thorough and impartial trial of your Crystal Discovery for a month, I feel compelled to acknowledge its very great superiority over any other article now in use for the purpose designed—the speedy restoration of the color and growth of the hair, and no one using it according to directions can fail, I am convinced, to attain this much desired result to perfection. The simplicity of the preparation and its entire cleanliness, afford a new opportunity to the vast numbers utterly disgusted with the poisonous nostrums in use. Having a large number of my personal acquaintances who use your preparation with equal success, I cordially recommend your Crystal Discovery to all persons desiring to use anything of this kind. Very respectfully,

P. DOYLE, 701 I street, N. W.
Washington, D. C., July 25, 1870.
Mr. Arthur Nattans: Dear Sir—It affords me pleasure to say that I have used your Crystal Discovery with perfect success. Having tried many others, I find yours superior to any I have heretofore used, and I cannot too highly recommend it as a rapid promoter of the growth of the hair, and by a few applications restoring it to its original color. It is perfectly clean and free from any objectionable matter.

Very respectfully yours, R. W. SILVOY.
K st., bet. 4th and 5th, N. W.

Alexandria, Va., Sept. 10, 1870.
Mr. Arthur Nattans: Sir—I have great pleasure in testifying to the excellence of your Crystal Discovery for the Hair. My back hair is remarkably long and thick, and became prematurely gray, (this being hereditary.) In eight days it resumed its natural color, chestnut-brown, coloring very fine. I like your preparation for its purity, pleasant odor, and freedom from all mineral and poisonous substances, as well as its other excellencies. I will recommend it to my acquaintances. Very respectfully, Miss L. F.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

ROBT. JAMIESON.
JAMIESON & CLARKE,
ALEXANDRIA
PLANING MILL, SASH DOOR & BLIND FACTORY,
Nos. 27 and 29 North Water street.
Dealers in
DRESSED FLOORING AND WHITE PINE LUMBER.
JOHN R. LAMBDIN, Supt.
ENCOURAGE HOME INDUSTRY.
VIRGINIA SASH, DOOR AND FRAME FACTORY,
CORNER QUEEN AND FAIRFAX STREETS,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

We have now made up 500 doors of all sizes, from \$2 to \$10; 600 Windows of Sash, glazed and unglazed, cheap; 200 pairs blinds, all sizes; 10,000 feet Mouldings, 40 different patterns. Will make at short notice Window and Door Frames, Brackets, &c. New and Balusts and Hydrants constantly on hand. Liberal discounts made to dealers.

Being practical mechanics ourselves, we feel confident that we can please our customers.

Plans and specifications furnished to parties contracting with us for building materials.

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Dealers in HARDWARE, CUTLERY, Carpenters' Tools, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Door and Window Frames, Brackets, Mouldings, Balusters, of different patterns, and Newel Posts. A large stock of French and American Glass, double and single thick, of all sizes. Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Paint and White Wash Brushes, Lewis' Pure White Lead, and other brands of fine quality Putty, Turpentine and Machine Oil. Also, Lime, of superior quality, Cement, Calcined Plaster, Pitch and Felt for Roofing, &c. A large stock of Pugh's celebrated Car Augers, and other articles found in first class Builders' Furnishing establishments.

All orders received here, and all kinds of Building Material, promptly attended to.

Terms cash.

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WILLIAM MURRAY,
MERCHANT TAILOR,
No. 7 NORTH FAIRFAX STREET,
Fall and Winter Assortment of CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, AND VESTINGS.

He invites his friends and customers to call and examine his stock.

J. L. GRIGG,
MERCHANT TAILOR,
86 King street,
Has opened a full line of first class goods for Winter wear, consisting of FRENCH AND ENGLISH CLOTHS, CASSIMERES AND VESTINGS.

Imported expressly for the trade, to which he invites attention.

ESPECIAL NOTICE.
GREAT ATTRACTION IN PRICES FOR CASH—OUR LARGE STOCK.

We have this day reduced the prices of all our goods, and will sell, for a short time, all of our present stock at greatly reduced prices for cash. We ask special attention to this notice.

ROBERT L. WOOD,
No. 62 King st., cor. Fairfax.

RECEIVED AND FOR SALE AT
FRENCH'S,
No. 95 KING STREET.
The handsome tint of the season is the Christmas number of the

London Illustrated News.
Supplement, three large papers in one, and colored plate, all for 75c.

VELVETEEN! VELVETEEN!
Just received more of those Nonpareil Finish BLACK VELVETEENS.

The quantity of these goods that we have sold this season are a guarantee of their beauty and cheapness. Call and see them at

BARGAINS! BARGAINS! BARGAINS!
GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES
AT W. L. PADGETT'S, 164 KING STREET.

Who is now offering great bargains in MILL LINEN and FANCY GOODS—many of which will be sold at and below cost for cash.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Having taken out letters of administration upon the estate of the late JAMES HILTON, this is to give notice that all debtors and creditors of the deceased must settle their claims with me.

201 FEED. 201
AUGUSTUS WALL,
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
HAY, GRAIN, STRAW AND MILL FEED,
201 King street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

STOCKINGS.
We are closing out a lot of superior Iron-framed Cotton Hose, Ladies' Lamb's Wool Hose, Children's and Misses' Hosiery, all sizes and kinds; Ladies' Morino Underswear, very cheap, at

SHEET MUSIC AT HALF PRICE.—Wishing to confine my business to Blank Books, Paper and Stationery generally, and other goods in that line, I offer my large stock of Sheet Music at half price, in any quantity desired.

COAL! COAL! COAL!
Constantly on hand a supply of superior quality WHITE and RED ASH COAL, which will be sold at market rates, 2340 lbs to the ton.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That application will be made to the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad Company for the renewal of certificate No. 68 for forty-one